

SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

\*World's Largest Drainage Pumping Station which was completed in 2012 and located within Jefferson Parish

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

ON

# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS,

**COMPLIANCE AND** 

INTERNAL CONTROLS

OF

SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

FOR THE PARISH OF JEFFERSON, LOUISIANA

December 31, 2012

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Roy M. Cascio, Judge, Division "A" Second Parish Court for the Parish of Jefferson New Courthouse Gretna, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Second Parish Court Judicial Expense Fund (the Fund) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

# **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the other required supplementary information on pages 3 through 5 and 16, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated June 14, 2013, on our consideration of the Second Parish Court Judicial Expense Fund's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and other matters. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

KUSHNER LAGRAIZE, L.L.C.

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Metairie, Louisiana June 14, 2013

#### SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis

#### December 31, 2012

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Second Parish Court Judicial Expense Fund's (the Expense Fund's) annual financial report provides important background information and management's analysis of the Expense Fund's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on December 31, 2012. Please read this section in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements beginning on page 12 of this report.

The MD&A is an element of the Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34—Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments issued in June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year (2012) and the prior year (2011) is required to be presented in the MD&A.

### **Financial Highlights**

The total assets of the Expense Fund at the close of 2012 and 2011 were \$1,821,959 and \$1,696,465, respectively, representing an increase of \$125,494 in 2012. Of this amount \$28,435 and \$35,679, respectively, were invested in capital assets. The remainder is considered unrestricted and may be used for any lawful purpose.

Total costs of the Expense Fund's programs in 2012 and 2011 were \$146,331 and \$129,765, respectively, representing an increase of \$16,566. The fund balance (unrestricted net position) in 2012 and 2011 was \$1,775,116 and \$1,657,692, respectively, representing an increase of \$117,424.

#### Overview of the Financial Statements

This financial report consists of the following basic parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, the notes to the financial statements and supplementary information.

The basic financial statements contained in this report are presented using GASB accounting principles. These financial statements provide overall information about the Expense Fund's financial activities on both a short-term and long-term basis. The statement of net position presents information about its assets (resources) and liabilities (the amounts obligated to its creditors). The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents information about the current year's revenues and expenses. This statement can be used to measure operating improvements or deterioration as well as provide useful information for determining whether the Expense Funds' revenues were sufficient to allow the Expense Fund to recover all its costs. The notes to financial statements are also an integral part of this report.

# SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

# Management's Discussion and Analysis

#### December 31, 2012

#### **Net Position**

A summary of the Expense Fund's Statements of Net Position is presented in Table 1 below:

TABLE 1
Condensed Statement of Net Position
As of December 31, 2012 and 2011

		2012	<u>2011</u>	<u>C</u>	Change	
Current assets	\$	1,793,524	\$ 1,660,786	\$	132,738	
Noncurrent assets:						
Capital assets-net		28,435	35,679		(7,244)	
Total assets	_	1,821,959	1,696,465		125,494	
Current liabilities		18,408	3,094		15,314	
Total liabilities		18,408	 3,094		15,314	
Net position:						
Net invested in capital assets		28,435	35,679		(7,244)	
Unrestricted		1,775,116	1,657,692		117,424	
Total net position	\$	1,803,551	\$ 1,693,371	\$	110,180	

The Expense Fund's net position increased \$110,180 to \$1,803,551 in fiscal year 2012, from \$1,693,371 at the end of fiscal year 2011. The change in net position is primarily due to the increase in revenues over expenditures in the current year.

# Summary of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

The following table presents a summary of the Expense Fund's revenues and expenses for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

#### SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis

# December 31, 2012

TABLE 2
Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

	2012	<u>2011</u>		Change	
Charges for Services Expenses	\$ 256,511 146,331	\$	240,202 129,765	\$	16,309 16,566
Increase/(decrease) from program activities	110,180		110,437		(257)
Change in net position	110,180		110,437		(257)
Total net position, beginning of year	 1,693,371		1,582,934	211	110,437
Total net position, end of year	\$ 1,803,551	\$	1,693,371	\$	110,180

# **Budgets**

The budget was amended one time during the year. The primary reason for amending the budget was to prevent compliance violations under state law. The major differences between the original General Fund budget and the final amended budget were as follows:

#### Revenues

 Fines and forfeitures decreased by \$10,000 to better reflect the payments the fund received during the year.

# Expenditures

 Outside services decreased by about \$30,000 due to the fund deciding not to purchase additional services in 2012.

# Contacting the Expense Fund's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide all interested parties with a general overview of the Expense Funds' finances and to demonstrate the Expense Funds' accountability for money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact management of the Second Parish Court Judicial Expense Fund at (504) 364-2800.

# SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

# December 31, 2012

ASSETS	Governmental Activities
Cash and cash equivalents Due from other governments Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	\$ 1,778,480 15,044 
TOTAL ASSETS	1,821,959
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable Accrued Salaries	16,201 2,207
TOTAL LIABILITIES	18,408
NET POSITION	
Net invested in capital assets Unrestricted	28,435 1,775,116
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 1,803,551

# SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

# Year Ended December 31, 2012

# Program Revenues

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Charges for Services	Net (Expense) Revenue	
Governmental Activities:				
Judicial Expense Fund	\$ 146,33 <u>1</u>	\$ 256,5 <u>11</u>	\$ 110,180	
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 146,331</u>	\$ 256,511	110,180	
Increase in net position			110,180	
Net position-January 1, 2012			1,693,371	
Net position-December 31, 2012			\$ 1,803,551	

# SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

# **GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET**

# December 31, 2012

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE GENERAL FUND
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents Due from other governments	\$ 1,778,480 15,044
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,793,524
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable Accrued Salaries	\$ 16,201 2,207
TOTAL LIABILITIES	18,408
FUND EQUITY	
Fund balance - unassigned	1,775,116
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,775,116
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 1,793,524

# SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

# RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

# December 31, 2012

Total Fund Balance at December 31, 2012 Governmental Fund		\$	1,775,116
Cost of Capital Assets at December 31, 2012	48,291		
Less-Accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2012	(19,856)	-	28,435
Net Position at December 31, 2012		\$	1,803,551

# SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE

# Year Ended December 31, 2012

Revenues	GENERAL FUND
Charges for services Fines & forfeitures Court cost assessments	\$ 229,423 27,088
Total Revenues	256,511
Expenditures Current General government Salaries & benefits Outside services Supplies & office expense	61,532 35,638 41,917
Total current expenditures	139.087
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	117,424
Fund balance Beginning of year	1.657.692
End of year	<u>\$ 1.775.116</u>

# SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

### RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

# December 31, 2012

Total net increase in fund balance-governmental fund	\$ 117,424
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different due to:	
Depreciation expense	(7,244)
Increase in net position of governmental activitles	\$ 110,180

#### SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### December 31, 2012

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Second Parish Court Judicial Expense Fund (the Fund) for the Parish of Jefferson conform to U. S. generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

#### 1. Reporting Entity

The Second Parish Court Judicial Expense Fund for the Parish of Jefferson was established July 18, 1982, under the provisions of Louisiana R.S. 13:2562.22. This statute provides for this fund to operate under the sole and exclusive authority of the Second Parish Court judges. As such, the Parish Council is not financially accountable for these funds.

As required by U. S. generally accepted accounting principles, this report includes all funds and account groups of the Second Parish Court Judicial Expense Fund (the primary government) that are controlled or dependent on the judges of the Second Parish Court. No other organization was determined to be a component unit of the Fund. Therefore, no blended or discretely presented component units are presented in the accompanying financial statements.

#### 2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

GASB Statement No. 63 – "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position" is adopted for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. GASB Statement No. 63 provides financial reporting guidance for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Concepts Statement No. 4, Elements of Financial Statements introduced and defined those elements as a consumption of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period and an acquisition of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period, respectively. Previous financial reporting standards do not include guidance for reporting those financial elements, which are distinct from assets and liabilities. Concepts Statements No. 4 also identifies net position as the residual of all other elements presented in a statement of financial position. This statement amends the net asset reporting requirements in GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments, and other pronouncements by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure and by renaming that measure as net position, rather than net assets.

#### Basis of Accounting

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. Activities are presented using the economic resources method. The accounting objective of this measurement focus is the determination of operating income, changes in net position, and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with the government's activities are reported. Fund equity is classified as net position. Government activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities present revenues, expenses, and fixed asset acquisitions as follows:

Revenues - Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned.

Expenses - Expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used.

Fixed Assets - Fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost, except for donated fixed assets which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

#### Fund Financial Statements

The Fund uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are typically classified into three categories:

#### SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### December 31, 2012

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types".

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current position. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by governmental funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Fines and fees collected and held by intermediary collecting governments at year end on behalf of the Fund are considered susceptible to accrual and are recognized as revenues.

#### 4. Cash

All of the Fund's deposits, including cash, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit are carried at cost. The Fund's bank deposits are held at the same financial institutions as other funds of Jefferson Parish (the Parish), thus sharing in the maximum amount of federal depository insurance of that institution. At year-end, the carrying amount of these deposits were \$1,778,480. All of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the pledging financial institutions trust department or agent in the Parish's name.

#### 5. Capital Assets and Depreciation

For the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are recorded at cost in the statement of net position. Donated assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. Second Parish Court does not have any infrastructure assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	Estimated Lives
Leasehold improvements	20 years
Equipment	5-10 years
Vehicles	5 years

For fund financial statements, capital acquisitions are reflected as expenditures in the governmental fund at the time purchased.

# 6. Governmental Fund Balances

On January 1, 2011, the Fund adopted GASB No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, which significantly changed the reporting of fund balance in the balance sheets of governmental type funds.

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

- Non-spendable fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a non-spendable form or because they
  are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- 2.Restricted fund balance amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of state or federal laws or externally imposed conditions by grantors, creditors, or citizens.
- 3.Committed fund balance amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action by the Judges of the Second Parish Court.
- 4.Assigned fund balance amounts that are constrained by the Fund's intent that they will be used for specific purposes.
- 5. Unassigned fund balance all amounts not included in the other spendable classifications.

#### SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### December 31, 2012

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Fund considers restricted fund balances to be spent for governmental expenditures first when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available. The Fund also considers committed fund balances to be spent first when other unrestricted fund balance classifications are available for use.

#### 7. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Budgetary procedures applicable to the Second Parish Court Judicial Expense Fund are defined in state law, Revised Statutes 39:1301-15. The major requirements of the Local Government Budget Act are summarized as follows:

- The Fund adopts a budget each year for the general fund. The budget for this fund is adopted on the cash basis of accounting which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- 2. Copies of the adopted budget are kept on file for public inspection.
- 3. The general fund budget for the year ended December 31, 2012 was amended.
- 4. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of the year.
- Formal budgetary integration is not employed. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include originally adopted budget amounts. The amounts are reconciled to the amounts reflected on the budget comparison statement as follows;

	General <u>Fund</u>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$	117,424	
Add:			
Prior year receivables		14,730	
Current year payables		18,408	
Less:			
Current year receivables		(15,044)	
Prior year payables		(3,094)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over expenditures - cash basis	\$	132,424	

#### NOTE B - DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

This amount represents the fines and fees due from the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office for collections made through December 31, 2012 and not yet remitted to the Fund.

# SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### December 31, 2012

#### NOTE C - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the changes in Capital Assets follows:

	 LANCE ARY 1, 2012	2 ADDITIONS		DELETIONS		BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2012	
Equipment Vehicles Leasehold improvements	\$ 4,246 62,431 11,611	\$	0 0 0	\$	0 29,997 0	\$	4,246 32,434 11,611
Total at historical cost  Total accumulated depreciation	 78,288		<u> </u>	1 <u></u>	29,997	<u> </u>	48,291
Capital Assets, net	\$ 42,609 35,679	\$	7,244 7,244	<u> </u>	29,997	\$	19,856 28,435

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$7,244.

#### NOTE D - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The statutes which created the Fund place certain limitations and restrictions on the collections and disbursements of the Fund. The Fund is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions for 2012.

#### NOTE E - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through June 14, 2013, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No material subsequent events have occurred since December 31, 2012 that required recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

# SECOND PARISH COURT JUDICIAL EXPENSE FUND

# GENERAL FUND – STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (NON-GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL

# Year Ended December 31, 2012

	BUDGET		ACTUAL AMOUNTS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	BUDGETARY BASIS	POSITIVE/ (NEGATIVE)
Revenues	OHIGHAL	LINOL	DAGIO	MEGATIVE
Charges for Services				
Fines & forfeitures	\$ 225,000	\$ 215,000	\$ 229,109	\$ 14,109
Court Cost Assessments	25,000	27,400	27,088	(312)
Total Revenues	250,000	242,400	256,197	13,797
Expenditures Current General Government Salaries & Benefits Outside Services Supplies & Office Expense Capital Outlay	69,500 69,000 16,500 20,000	61,610 38,941 9,953 14,086	61,611 30,866 31,296	(1) 8,075 (21,343) 14,086
Total Current Expenditures	175,000	124,590	123,773	817
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	75,000	117,810	132,424	14,614
Cash - Beginning of Year	1,646,056	1,646,056	1,646,056	0
Cash - End of Year	\$ 1,721,056	\$ 1,763,866	\$ 1,778,480	\$ 14,614

See independent auditors' report.



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Roy M. Cascio Judge, Division "A" Second Parish Court for the Parish of Jefferson New Courthouse Gretna, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Second Parish Court Judicial Expense Fund (the Fund) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012 and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 14, 2013.

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Fund's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses, or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Fund's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

# Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Metairie, Louisiana June 14, 2013